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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**a. ☒ Previously submittedi. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on August 27, 2002 (copy attached).  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed oniii. ☐ Otherb. ☐ Enclosedi. ☐ Amendment/Replyiii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iv. ☐ Other2. **Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other3. **Fees**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith, in response to the Advisory Action dated September 5, 2002, is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A copy of the previously submitted response filed on August 27, 2002 is enclosed for the Examiner's reconsideration. Please charge any fees associated with filing this request to Deposit Acctg. # 14-1131.

Also transmitted is a Request for an additional one month extension of time to October 8, 2002. Please charge any fee associated with the extension to Deposit Acctg. 14-1131.

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